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True to their unfortunate habit of being able to see but one side of a question, the Russian Government in Europe has been trying to make capital out of the fact that the Japanese attack on Port Arthur was commenced prior to the official declaration of war. There is, on the other hand, every reason to believe that the Russians were contemplating such a step as in 1853 they took in the destruction of the Turkish fleet in the harbour of Sinope. It is true that towards the latter end of October in that year the Tsar Nicholas I. issued a proclamation in which he announced that Russia was challenged to the fight: "Nothing therefore, remains but in confident reliance upon God, to have recourse to arms, in order to compel the Ottoman Government, to respect treaties." &c. Such a proclamation might fairly be looked upon as a declaration of war, and it doubtless would have been accepted for such but for the subsequent action of Russia. A few days after, on the 31st October, Count Nesselrode sent a circular to the Russian representatives at the various European courts informing them that, "notwithstanding the declaration of war, and as long as his master's dignity and his interests would permit, Russia would abstain from taking the offensive, and content herself with holding her position in the Principalities until she had succeeded in obtaining the satisfaction she required." Believing in the distinct pledge thus given, the French and English fleets, though they had on the 22nd November come up to Constantinople, refused, though prayed by the Turkish Admiral, to take any steps towards entering the Black Sea. For some days the Russian fleet had been cruising on and off Sinope taking note of the position of the Turkish ships, and the Turkish Admiral had rightly interpreted this as portending an attack. The allied commanders, preferring to believe in the good faith of the Russian Government, pooh-poohed the Turkish Admiral's fears. The result is history. On the 30th November the Russian Admiral, finding the coast clear, attacked and utterly destroyed the Turkish fleet as it lay in the harbour.

Now, we are not altogether without reason for believing that some such coup was planned in the present case by the Russian fleet, and only the superior readiness of the Japanese naval commander prevented it being put in practice. On the 5th instant Mr. KURINO informed the Russian Government in S. Petersburg that, Russia having delayed for 22 days in replying to Japan's last Note, and having in the meanwhile been hurrying on her preparations for war, the latter Power refused to any longer protract negotiations. The next day the Russian Minister at Tokyo was formally given notice that diplomatic relations between the two Powers had ceased, and Japan reserved to herself the right of acting without further notification. On the 5th instant we find the Tsar Nicholas II. in apparent imitation of his great grandfather on the eve of the slaughter at Sinope, going through the farce of commending his cause to God; on both sides, in fact, everything was done to proclaim to the world that the two countries were actually at war, and the commencement of actual hostilities would begin as soon as either side felt itself in a position to begin. Now what had the Russians actually been doing? Under pretence of submitting terms likely to be acceptable to Japan, they had been hurrying reinforcements to the Far East. It was not pretended by the other side that they were committing any breach of international practice by so doing; the relations between the two countries have at any time within the last six months been of such a hostile nature that it has been fully recognised by both that hostilities might at any time break out on four-and-twenty hours' notice. At the beginning of the month we find Russia carefully placing her ships where they would be ready to act on the moment. Russia made little secret that one of her first steps would be to take possession of Chemulpo; and we find her on the announcement by Japan that all relations had ceased with two ships at this advantageous position. Japan, according to all rules of naval warfare, could plainly not afford to leave them, without some effort at dislodging them, and a regular naval battle seems to have been fought, wherein Japan was an easy victor, easier probably than she expected. The Japanese Admiral then, acting on the safe rule of his profession, always to follow up an advantage, boldly made sail for Port Arthur. He was probably quite unaware at the time that the principal officers of the Russian fleet were at that moment enjoying the delights of an entertainment at the Opera House. Admiral ALEXIEFF, the Viceroy, seems to have considered it no part of his duty to fight, and possibly the officers, finding the cat away, thought it a fine opportunity for a lark. At all events the Japanese seem to have found Port Arthur not at home; and before morning three of the finest ships in port found themselves utterly disabled. It is true many of these things happened through what is ordinarily called luck, but if an army so far trusts in divine favour as to omit precautions ordinarily taken in garrison in peace time it is hardly becoming to throw the blame of a mess on Providence. Heaven, as NAPOLEON remarked under somewhat similar circumstances, is generally on the side of the biggest battalions. Certainly he does not favour big feasts in war-time, as BELSHAZZAR found to his cost.

So much for Japan's actions on the eventful 8th of February. We must postpone a consideration as to what Russia was doing to our next issue.

Admiral Marchal, formerly commander of the French Far Eastern squadron, is dead.

A musical treat is in store for those who go to the Theatre to-night, in the violin solos of Miss Blanche Garbette, which are introduced in the third act of *Three Little Maids*.

We understand that the Russian refugees who are to be taken down to Colombo by the *Nansang* are being well looked after, and that the British sailors, with characteristic generosity, have contributed to the comfort of the refugees on the voyage by a gift of cigarettes.

H.E. Sir Ernest Satow, G.C.M.G., British Minister at Peking, will, says the *China Times*, pay a visit to Tientsin at the close of this month, when he will open the Anglo-Chinese Museum and Library instituted by Dr. Livingston Hart in connection with the Tientsin Anglo-Chinese Church and College. The opening takes place on the 27th inst.

According to the *Strait Echo* Mr. Justice Law has decided that the Supreme Court has no power to hear appeals from convictions by the Registrar of Jirikishas, who holds the power of a magistrate under the recently passed Ordinance. Mr. Solicitor-General Hudson is said to have recommended the sentence—three months' imprisonment for assaulting a fare—to be set aside and the amended Ordinance again amended to empower the Supreme Court to hear appeals of this nature.

Father Pioper, of the Holy Mission at Paoli (Pueri, Yunnan), is reported to be the most probable candidate for the German Episcopate of South Shantung, to succeed the late Bishop Anzer.

It was stated last month that the Boers generally were apathetic regarding the importation of Chinese labour into South Africa. General Botha was, however, opposed to it, while Generals Piet Cronje (of Paarlberg fame), Kemp, and Colliers favoured it.

The London Comedy Company, which is shortly expected here, had a similar experience in Calcutta to that of the Dallas Musical Comedy Company in Hongkong. When the former company arrived in Calcutta they found the Theatre Royal occupied by the local A.D.C., who were staging *His Excellency*.

At Chumbi, where the Tibet Mission was last month, it is stated that a large number of women employed in the construction of stone buildings for the accommodation of the troops made their already by no means prepossessing faces still more hideous by blackening their noses, in order to avoid exciting the admiration of the Sepoys.

The S. Petersburg correspondent of the *New York Herald* (Paris edition) wrote on the 18th ult.:—As I telegraphed to you, the ratification of the treaty between China and the United States caused sentiments of the strongest surprise and unqualified irritation at the Russian Foreign Office. It came quite unexpectedly. It was the greatest blow to Russian diplomacy because it brings the United States vividly and actively into the scene of action, where until now Japan alone held the stage. And to-day, as at the time of the war with China, the United States is all important. Russia would have done almost anything to have America on her side.

Interesting news has been received of the Chevalier expedition in the Lake Chad district. The mission penetrated some distance up the Salamat, an important tributary of the Wadi. M. Chevalier afterwards reached the region to the south of Dikire, inhabited by troglodytes, none of whom were over four and a half feet in height, who lived in caves in the rocks. They appeared fairly intelligent, and lived principally on the animals they caught on their hunting expeditions, bringing down their quarry with bows and arrows. Their marriage ceremonies are simple, the males, on reaching the age of sixteen, drawing lots for the females of the same age. The journey across the country was accomplished without opposition from the natives.

Among the exaggerated accounts (to use a mild word) now appearing in the Manila papers regarding the Russo-Japanese war, the following is worth noting. It is headed "Helena Incident may lead to War."—Admiral Evans receives a despatch from Chefoo and High Naval Men Scent Trouble. The cable is as follows:—"Cavite, Feb. 14.—A cipher message has just been received at the yard here for delivery to Admiral Evans from Chefoo, China, the import of which in truth is unknown, but two men here high in position understand the particular code used; five minutes after its reception one of these men in confidence told a friend that war would ensue between Russia and the U.S. over the fact that the U.S. *Helena* had been fired on. The *Helena* is now stationed at Chefoo, China, and has been keeping Admiral Evans officially advised of the situation in the north by cipher code cable messages."

THE DALLAS CO.

Last night the Dallas Co. repeated *A Chinese Honeymoon*, the play with which the season was successfully opened on Monday before H.E. Mr. May and a Government House party. We were unable to go into much detail in our first notice, so may take opportunity of referring at a little greater length to the various performances. Mr. Percival Knight is distinctly the "star" of the piece, and the impression he created in Hongkong on his previous visit here is well sustained in the new play. His Mr. Pineapple is a very quaint and amusing production indeed, and a study of his face alone is enough to provoke mirth. The greatest hit he makes is in the song about his dream, in Act II. This is really excellent comic singing. We shall look forward to Mr. Knight in the rest of his present repertory. The lady who has to balance his humour in the present play is Miss Alice Wade, who is a capital freak actress on the London Fringe lines. Her best song was "I want to be a lady," but she had several others which took the audience's fancy. In Messrs. Albert Rees, Duncan Munro, and Eitter Riley an excellent trio were found for the parts of the Emperor, his Lord Chancellor, and Lord High Admiral. Mr. Riley's dancing is as clever as ever. Mr. Cochrane sang very well in the part of Tom Hatherston. Miss Ernestine Waller's Soo Soo was a charming effort, and her duets with Mr. Cochrane never failed to please. Miss Bertha Hunter's Mrs. Pineapple was appropriately played, and a good foil to Mr. Knight. Miss Grace Desmond made a truly terrible "official mother-in-law," as she was called upon to do. The other ladies, led by Miss Framp-ton, were an effective chorus, and Miss Carrie Roberts' "dance fantaisique" was warmly applauded. The scenery was appropriate to the mock-China of the play, and the stage management was secure in the hands of Mr. Vallance, well known on former visits of the Dallas Co.

The performance to-night will be *Three Little Maids*, another new play to Hongkong, but one which had a great success in London, at the Prince of Wales's Theatre.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CHINESE MILITARY COMMANDS

LATEST APPOINTMENTS.

SHANGHAI, 23rd Feb., 8.47 p.m.

Viceroy Yuan Shi-kai has been appointed Commander-in-Chief and General Ma Yu-kun Second-in-Command of the foreign-drilled Chinese troops in Manchuria west of the Liao River.

The Provincial Treasurer of Chili has been appointed Acting Viceroy of the Province.

GENERAL NEWS.

THE VENEZUELAN QUESTION.

LONDON, 23rd Feb., 11.5 a.m.

The Arbitration Committee on the claims of the Powers against Venezuela, by their decision, give the three blockading Powers (England, Germany, and Italy) preference.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, 23rd Feb., 11.5 a.m.

Leslie Stephens, the well-known author, is dead.

REUTERS' SERVICE.

THE WAR.—THE RUSSIAN SQUADRON AT JIBUTI.

LONDON, 21st February.

A squadron, believed to be the Russian one recently reported at Jibuti, passed Perim at midnight, bound northward. This coincides with the reports in S. Petersburg that the squadron had been ordered home.

RUSSIA'S RIDICULOUS CLAIM.

LONDON, 21st February.

The Russian official statement formally charges Japan with violating international law by making a series of "revolving attacks" before declaring war. Admiral Alexieff has been ordered to defer his departure from Harbin until Admiral Makarov's arrival at Port Arthur.

NEW RUSSIAN COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

LONDON, 21st February.

An Imperial ukase relieves General Kuropatkin of the functions of War Minister, and appoints him commander-in-chief of the army in Manchuria.

GREAT BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

LONDON, 21st February.

The *Times* says that Great Britain's sympathy with Japan is natural and legitimate, and sufficient, should the improbable emergency arise, to enable the Government to give effect to all the terms of the Japanese treaty. British sympathy is not merely grounded on the fact that Japan is our ally, but it draws strength and justification from the knowledge that Japan is fighting the battle of all civilised nations.

FRANCE AND THE WAR.

LONDON, 21st February.

The French newspapers have opened subscription lists for the Russian sick and wounded. The *Temps* publishes an article laying stress on the anxiety of both Great Britain and France to remain aloof from the war, and urges both countries not to let their inclinations carry them beyond what is proper.

There was a panic on the Paris Bourse on Saturday in consequence of various baseless rumours that Italy, Germany, and France were mobilising.

ITALIAN REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, 21st February.

The Italian cruisers *Calabria*, *Carlo Alberto*, *Lombardia*, and *Dagala* have been ordered to the Far East.

JAPANESE REGULATIONS FOR WAR CORRESPONDENTS.

The Japanese War Department notification relating to war correspondents provides that intending correspondents must send in their credentials to the War Office, accompanied by their applications through their Minister or Consul accredited to Japan, and the documents specified above may be dispensed with. The name of the journal represented must appear on the application. Only journalists having over one year's actual experience will be granted permits. Foreign correspondents are permitted to take an interpreter or a servant, in case of necessity. The correspondent must be in foreign dress, with a band of white cloth about two inches wide on his left sleeve, with name of the journal he represents in red letters in Japanese. The correspondent shall first submit his correspondence to the inspection of the officer who may be designated by the Commanders' Office. No cipher or symbols can be used in the correspondence. Correspondents shall produce their permits to the military authorities, whenever inspection thereof is demanded. Correspondents who commit offences prescribed under the Penal Code, Military Penal Code, Military Secrets Protection Laws, will be subjected to trial by court-martial.

THE WAR.

JAPANESE OFFICIAL NEWS.

The Japanese Consul kindly informed us yesterday that he had on the previous evening received the following official telegram:—

Tokyo, 22nd Feb., 4.02 p.m.

"The crew and passengers of the steamer *Nagaura Maru* (with the exception of two who were drowned) which was sunk by four Russian cruisers off the coast at Tsuruga, were picked up by the Russians and conducted to Vladivostok. The Russian authorities in that port have sent them back to Nagasaki on a German steamer. They arrived at that port on the 22nd inst." This is practically identical with our message published yesterday morning.

FROM NORTHERN SOURCES.

The following items are taken from various northern sources:—

Great Britain is about to appoint, following the example of the United States, Consuls for Mukden and Antung.

When the Russians withdrew their troops from Shanhai-kwan, the French did not occupy the place itself in their stead, but only took over the Post Office.

The Japanese Government and people were indignant at the Russians bombarding a harmless commercial steamer (the *Nakamura Maru*) off Hokkaido.

The Kaiser has signed an order whereby all free beds in the German Naval Hospital in Yokohama and the Tsingtao Hospital are put at the disposal of the wounded, both of Russia and Japan.

With the consent of Japan, the German officers, Major Forster and Captain Hoffmann, have left for the East to follow the Japanese army.

A naval defence line has been created in Tokyo Bay. Incoming ships have to stop, before passing this line, at the Chigasaki-Kokubo Peninsula; they have to signal for a pilot and then to wait for instructions to be given by a Japanese ship flying a flag, which is white above and red below. A naval defence district has also been created in the entrance to Nagasaki. Incoming ships have to stop one mile north of the Yoshima light and to wait for orders from the guardship, which is flying during the day the national flag on the top of the mast, and showing during the night two white lights, one by the side of the other.

THE CHEMULPO FIGHT.

The *Ostasiatische Lloyd* publishes the following despatch dated Chemulpo, 13th February (by wire from Chefoo, 14th February):—"On the evening of the 8th, the Japanese fleet arrived here with three transports, which landed about 2,000 men. The disembarkment was done very rapidly, and orderly. The next morning Admiral Uria ordered the Russian cruisers *Varyag* and *Korietz* to leave the harbour, otherwise he would attack them in the harbour. At 4 o'clock the next afternoon the commanders of the British cruiser *Talbot*, the French cruiser *Pascal*, and the Italian cruiser *Elba* headed Admiral Uria's protest against his action, as contrary to international law. The commander of the American gunboat *Vicksburg* declined to join in the protest. In the meantime the *Varyag* and *Korietz* had left the harbour at noon. They were attacked at a distance of about six miles; from Chemulpo by the battleships *Asahi* and *Mikasa*, the armoured cruiser *Asama*, and three other men-of-war. After an engagement of fifty minutes the Russians returned to the anchorage. The *Varyag* was badly damaged, one officer and forty men killed, and four officers and 64 men wounded; since then one officer and eight men of the latter have died. The *Korietz* was but very slightly damaged, and there were no wounded. The Japanese losses are unknown; they were said to be none. During the same afternoon, while the band on the Italian cruiser *Elba* was playing the Russian anthem, the Russians blew up the *Korietz* and sank the *Varyag*. Later in the evening the Russians burned the steamer *Sungari*, which was in harbour. The action of the Russians has been greatly admired by all here. All wounded and the crews were taken on board of the *Talbot*, *Pascal*, and *Elba*. On the 10th Admiral Uria demanded that they be given up to him. This was refused decidedly by all three commanders.

THE SEIZURE OF THE "MUKDEN."

A correspondent at Fusan sends to the *Koko Chronicle* the following account of the seizure by the Japanese of the *Mukden*:—"The *Mukden*, Chinese Eastern Railway Company's steamer, was taken out of Fusan at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon by the cruiser *Fuso* and two torpedo-boats, and taken to Sasebo. At about the same time the *Saiten* captured a large Russian Volunteer Fleet steamer (probably the *Nomai*), bound from Vladivostok for Port Arthur, in the straits outside Fusan. The Korean Post Office at Fusan was next seized and military guard established. Mr. Pegorini, the Collector of Customs at Fusan, protested against the seizure of the *Mukden* while the latter was in charge of the customs, but his protest was disregarded. The *Mukden* left port without its captain or papers, and the captain went to the Russian Consulate for protection. When the *Mukden* left Fusan the Russian flag was flying, and it remained at the masthead until the three-mile line was passed, whereupon the Japanese flag was hoisted and the steamer declared a prize. When the act of seizure was in progress it is stated the Japanese Consul at Fusan could not believe his eyes, and took a steam launch to warn the captain of the *Fuso* that he was committing a breach of international law. However, the *Fuso* steamed away before the Consul could reach it. The big ship hove to after receiving a solid shot over her bows. She was loaded with supplies, coal and ammunition, and had a party of magicians on board. Fusan is somewhat unsafe at present. Mr. Henschel, the chief

Customs examiner, was assaulted and terribly injured by four Japanese on Sunday night. There is a good deal taking place in Corea at the present time, and several events have occurred which I am positively ordered not to disclose.

RUSSIAN WHALER SEIZED AT YOKOHAMA.
The Russian whaler *Kotik* has been seized by the Japanese at Yokohama. The German steamer *Emma*, with a consignment of flour for Port Arthur, has been detained at Yokohama.

VICTORIA HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The prize distribution of the Victoria Home and Orphanage, Kowloon, took place yesterday afternoon. Mrs. F. H. May presented the prizes, and there were present:—Captain Harly, A.D.C. to H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, Messadams Webb, Atkinson, Robinson, Sharp, Pearce, Bridle, Brown, and Hipwell, the Messrs. Johnstone, Sibree, Baker, and Pitts, Mr. Hipwell, the Staff of the Orphanage, and others. The School was tastefully decorated with flags and flowers, and presented a pleasing appearance. The proceedings opened with a hymn and the National Anthem.

The Rev. G. A. Baulby then read the report of the work of the school by Miss Hamper, which showed that, although during the first months of the year there had been several flagrant cases of disobedience, which had resulted in the removal of girls from the Home, the conduct of the school had considerably improved during the last six months. Nor had the girls who had left the Home been lost sight of, since suitable homes had been provided for them. The report mentioned cases of girls who had been rescued from lives of misery in the homes of cruel step-mothers or mistresses. The year closed with fifty-two girls in the school, eleven of whom had been received from the Po Lung Kuk during the year. The report concluded with an expression of thanks for contributions from the Ministering Children's League, Mr. Gomes (damages in a law suit). The Hongkong Church Missionary Association, and many other friends in Hongkong, England, and Australia.

After reading the report, Mr. Baulby mentioned that out of 38 children who presented themselves at the annual Government Examination, 30 passed—a good percentage. He also expressed Miss Hamper's thanks to Mrs. May for attending.

The distribution of prizes was then proceeded with, after which Mrs. May said that it gave her great pleasure to distribute the prizes. The report showed the usefulness of the work, which should command more support from the public than it apparently received. Those entrusted with the management had a difficult task to provide for the maintenance, instruction, and ultimate disposal of their pupils, and it was the duty of the girls to make their task as easy as they could. Mrs. May hoped they would remember that and show by their conduct that they were grateful for the care that was being taken of them by the ladies. She hoped, also, that the Ministering Children's League would be again able to help the school. The girls who received prizes, no doubt, worked hard for them, and she hoped they would enjoy them. The girls who had not received prizes Mrs. May advised not to cease their efforts, for no real work was without its reward.

The remarks by Mrs. May were translated into Chinese for the benefit of the girls. Musical drill and songs terminated the proceedings. Just before leaving, Mrs. May was presented with a bouquet by two of the smallest girls in attendance.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

NINTH CLUB RACE.

The course for this race was the same as for the last club race, round a markboat off Chung-lung and the North Fairway Buoy.

The championship yacht sailed on Saturday, last, when light and variable airs prevailed. The *Elpheth* got off with a long lead at first, but at the west end of Stoncuttor's the four yachts were level. Here the *Elpheth* and *Dione* again found a nice breeze, and seemed as if they would finish the course in good time, but calms and a foul tide stopped them in the last run home, so that neither yacht could finish before the time limit, which is now at 6 p.m.

On Sunday the day opened with a fresh breeze from the S.W., but by 1 p.m. it had died away considerably, and in the evening calms and light airs prevailed. The one-design yachts started at 1 p.m. The *Kathleen* led at the Chung-lung markboat in the first round, but getting into a calm at the Fairway Buoy was passed by the others. The *Colleen* led at the second round, but was passed by the *Min* in the run home. The times at the finish were:—

	H. M. S.	M. S.
<i>Min</i>	5 11	54
<i>Colleen</i>	5 14	30
<i>Kathleen</i>	5 19	50
<i>Erica</i>	5 20	55
<i>Bonito</i>	5 23	5

The handicap class, starting ten minutes later than the one-design class, sailed with varying fortune in the fifth puff of wind, several of them catboating up the leading fleet of yachts. The times at the finish were:—

	H. M. S.	M. S.
<i>Doreen</i>	5 17 8	Corrected time 5 8 38
<i>Iris</i>	5 14 15	" " 5 7 15
<i>Alamoth</i>	5 15 0	" " 5 15 0
<i>Chanticleer</i>	5 23 30	" " 5 15 0
<i>Gloria</i>	5 28 10	" " 5 15 45

The Paris Cabinet, according to a Berlin telegram, has authorised M. Delcassé, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, to close the proposed treaty with Siam, provided that the Chantaboon question be solved in a way favourable to France.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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ZETLAND LODGE No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, on TUESDAY, the 1st MARCH instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 24th February, 1904. [576]

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No. 216, Wing Lok Street, Hongkong, 24th February, 1904. [577]

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [578]

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [568]

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARD SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Office until 12 o'clock NOON, of the first day of June, 1904, for the construction of the superstructure for a lift bridge over the Binondo canal in the City of Manila, in accordance with plans on file at the Office of the City Engineer.

Bids will be received (1st) for the delivery and erection of the structure complete in every respect and ready for use; (2nd) for the delivery at the wharf in Manila, free from all encumbrances, of all the structural material and machinery of every sort, ready for the erection of the bridge complete.

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PRINTED FORMS FOR BIDS, plans and all necessary information may be obtained at the Office of the City Engineer, Manila, P.I., Engineering News Publishing Co., 220 Broadway, New York City, and the Bureau of Insular Affairs, Washington, D.C.

The right is reserved by the City of Manila to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects.

By Direction of the Board,

JOHN A. TUTHER, Secretary.

Manila, P.I., January 21st, 1904. [361]

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [567]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 A.M. TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), and TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 24th and 25th instants, respectively.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [570]

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 A.M. TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), and TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 24th and 25th instants, respectively.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [556]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1904.

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T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [458]

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T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [459]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [460]

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If the weather is unfavourable on either of the above dates, practice will take place on the 1st proximo.

Practice will commence at 9 A.M. on the 26th, and at 9.30 A.M. on the 29th instant, and end at 11 A.M. daily, if the range is clear.

By Command,

A. M. THOMSON, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th February, 1904. [542]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 111.

THE following Notice is published.

By Command,

A. M. THOMSON, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th February, 1904.

NOTICE.

A MEETING of HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held in the JUSTICES' ROOM, at the Magistracy, at 2.15 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 1st day of MARCH, 1904, for the purpose of considering the following application:—

From one ALEXANDER MOIR for the transfer of his Publican's Licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situate at the Peak, under the sign of "The Peak Hotel," to one GEORGE LEOPOLD DUNCAN.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Police Magistrate.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1904. [558]

OWNERS of HOUSES situated in the Eastern Division of the City of Victoria and in the Eastern Division of Kowloon are hereby notified that under No. 5 of the Domestic Cleanliness and Ventilation By-laws any domestic building or part of such building which is occupied by members of more than one family shall, unless specially exempted by the Board, be CLEANSED and LIMEWASHED throughout to the satisfaction of the Board during the months of January and February.

The Sanitary Board being convinced of the necessity of Cleanliness in its efforts to stamp out Plague is determined to rigorously prosecute any owner in default after the 29th February.

Note.—The boundaries of the above Districts have been altered and are now as follows:—

THE EASTERN DIVISION OF THE CITY IS BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY GRAHAM STREET AND ENDICOTT STREET.

The Eastern Division of Kowloon is bounded on the west by Robinson Road and a straight line drawn from the north end thereof through the Yau-mai service reservoir to the northern boundary of Kowloon.

By Order,

G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office, 4th January, 1904. [136]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCES OF HONGKONG 1865 to 1890,

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE NEW-CHWANG STEAM FERRY TUG AND LIGHTER COMPANY, LIMITED (in Liquidation).

THE creditors of the above named Company are required on or before the 25th day of March, 1904, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their Debts or Claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to J. J. FREDE. BANDINEL of the Port of Newchwang in the Empire of China, the Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are by their Solicitors to come in and prove their said Debts or Claims at such time as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 25th day of January, 1904.

J. J. FREDE. BANDINEL, Liquidator.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of MARCH, 1904, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th FEBRUARY, to the 5th MARCH, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHIESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [474]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 10th March, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th instant, to the 10th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order,

GEO. L. TOMLIN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1904. [488]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that, on and after this date, they can obtain Scrip Certificates for Shares of the new issue in exchange for Hongkong and Shanghai Bank receipts on application at the Registered Office of the Company, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [515]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LD.

NOTICE.

A CERTIFICATE No. 449 for Six Shares Nos. 11451/11456 standing in the Register of this Company in the name of Mrs. EURENCE MINA HUNT has been LOST.

Notice is hereby given that a new Certificate for the said Six Shares will be issued forthwith, and that the original Certificate unless produced within that period will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.,

General Agents for the

WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LD.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1904. [503]

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HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO.
Hongkong, 28th November, 1903.

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THE undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company are
prepared to accept Risks against Fire at current
rates.

SIEMSEN & CO. [1]
Hongkong, 1st January, 1904.

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1897.

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DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.
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Hongkong, 17th August, 1887.

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Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [267]
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in Europe as well as the United States, has
associated with Dr. NEWELL WILSON,
Dentist, at 31, Queen's Road Central, Watkin's
Building.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1904. [534]

THE WOMAN ON THE DERELICT. BEING THE STRANGE LOVE STORY OF JOHN BRAMWELL, BY GUY BOOTHBY.

(Author of "Dr. Nikola," "My Indian
Queen," &c., &c.)

CHAPTER VIII.

As may be readily supposed it did not require
much persuasion on Mrs. Jackson's part to in-
duce me to remain to dinner. I sat opposite
Miss Alexandra, and as I looked at her across
the white napery and silver in that quiet, home-
like room, the like of which is never to be found,
I firmly believe, out of England, and thought
of the day on which I had discovered her in the
corner of the cabin, the whole thing seemed
like a hideous nightmare too terrible to be
believable. Both Mrs. Jackson and her daughter
treated her with marked kindness, and more than
once I thanked my good fortune in having
found such a peaceful and pleasant home for
her. If perfect quiet and loving care could do
it surely she would recover here, and then?

At last the time came for me to say "good-
bye." I thanked the old lady once more, shook
hands with Miss Janet, and then turned to say
farewell to the girl who had been my constant
companion half across the world. She rose
from her chair and gave me her little hand that
seemed to be lost in my brawny fist.

"Good-bye, Miss Alexandra," I said.
"Good-bye," she answered, and then, after a
momentary pause, continued, "I thank you from
the bottom of my heart for all you have done
for me."

I cannot tell you how touched I was by these
few simple words. Mrs. Jackson must have
noticed my embarrassment, for she came to the
rescue by giving me an invitation to visit them
whenever I cared to do so.

After that I left the house and made my way
to the Railway Station, where I was just in
time to catch a train for London. Having col-
lected my luggage at Waterloo I drove to the
hotel I had decided upon, engaged a room,
drank a whiskey and soda, and smoked a cigar,
after which I retired to my apartment feeling
that, if I had done nothing else, I had at least
earned a good night's rest.

After breakfast next morning I visited my
bank, arranged matters with the manager, ob-
tained a cheque-book, and returned to my hotel
to write to Mrs. Jackson, enclosing a draft
sufficient to pay the first quarter's expenses and
to enable Miss Alexandra to obtain such clothes
as she might require. Poor girl, she stood
badly enough in need of a new rig-out.

After that I went off to have a look round
the town that I had not seen for so many years.
What a city it is! What wealth, and also
what poverty! What palatial buildings, cheek
by jowl with slums so horrible that one wonders
they are permitted to exist, and what loneliness
is there like that of being a stranger without a
friend or even acquaintance in that great
metropolis? So far as I was aware I knew no
one except my banker, who would not recognise
me if he saw me again.

That evening I went to a theatre, though
what the piece was I couldn't tell you. I am
afraid I was more interested in the people about
me than in what was happening on the stage.
The house was packed from floor to ceiling, and
as I looked at the beautiful women in the stalls
and boxes with their fine dresses and flashing
jewels, my mind went back to the wild life I
had so long been leading and to the memory of
that dingy little cabin of the brig. Yet I am
prepared to assert that had Miss Alexandra
been present in the house that night, dressed as
were those about her, there would not have
been one who could have equalled her either in
beauty or in grace. Lover's partiality you will
say, yet I know it to be true.

Between the first and second acts I went out
to smoke a cigarette and to get a little fresh
air, for the theatre was very hot, and burdened
with every conceivable sort of scent. The bar
was crowded with men of all ranks and ap-
pearances, and as I smoked I amused myself
watching them. Presently I became aware of a
tall, well-dressed individual who was gazing at
me through an eyeglass. He was a handsome
man, with a heavy moustache, and seemed to
take an evident interest in myself. At the end
of the next act I again came out to find him
still there. Once more I saw him steadily
regarding me.

When the play concluded I left the theatre
and walked down the street in the direction of
my hotel. I had not gone very far before a
brave step behind me attracted my attention. I
did not turn, however, until a man's voice said,
"Will you excuse me, sir, if I ask to be allowed
to speak to you for one moment?" It was my
friend of the theatre.

"Perhaps, as the night is cold, we might
walk together for a short distance."
I had no objection to raise, and as I was
eager to know what he wanted of me, I as-
sented, and we passed along the street to-
gether.

"Is not your name Bramwell?" he asked.
I replied that it was, though I could not for
the life of me understand how he had become
aware of the fact.

"You were in Australia for some time, I
believe?"

"I have only just left the Antipodes," was
my reply. "May I ask how you know my name
and where I come from?"

"That is very easily explained," he said,
with a laugh. "My name is Armitage, and I
live in Sydney. You know that city well."

I was once more able to agree with him,
though I did not quite see what bearing it had
on the matter.

"I have extensive squatting interests," he
went on, "and I am also interested in one or
two lines of steamers. Is not the matter becom-
ing clearer to you now?"

"A little," I replied, "though I cannot re-
member where I met you. Nor do I understand
what I can do for you."

"Well, the fact of the matter is, I have only
been in England a few days and I haven't a
single friend or acquaintance in the Metropolis.
Recognising you I took the liberty of thrusting
myself upon you on the chance that I might be
able to induce you to take pity on my loneliness.
You have only to say that you don't care about
it, and I will trouble you no more but if you
will give me the pleasure of your company, you
will not only confer upon me an honour but will
make me your debtor for more than I can say.
It would require very little persuasion to send
me back to Sydney by the next boat. I am
staying at the Imperial Hotel in the Strand.
Will you do me the honour of supping with me
this evening? We shall be in excellent time,
and I think I can promise you one of the best
meals in this Old Country."

This was hastening matters with a vengeance,
but as there seemed to be the promise of an ad-
venture in it, and I didn't know what to do with
myself, I resolved to accept, and said as much to
him.

"My dear fellow," he said, "you delight me.
I cannot thank you enough. Shall we walk or
would you prefer a cab?"

"Let us walk by all means," I answered, and
we accordingly set off together. It struck me
that for a fresh arrival my new acquaintance
was remarkably well up in the geography of
London. He led me by some extremely dark
short cuts and eventually brought me out
almost opposite his hotel. The great courtyard
was brilliantly illuminated and presented an
animated appearance. Cabs and carriages by
the score were passing in and out, taking up
and setting down supper parties and residents
at the hotel. It was evident that my com-
panion was well known and respected, for he
was treated by the hall servants with the most
obsequious respect.

"Would you prefer to have our meal served
in my private room or shall we take it in the
restaurant?" he asked, when we had surrendered
our hats and coats to the attendant.

"The restaurant by all means," I replied,
"unless you have any objection."

"On the contrary, I personally prefer it," he
returned.

We accordingly entered the great hall, where
all was light and brightness, pretty women with
their attendant cavaliers and a never-ceasing
babel of voices, popping of corks, and clattering
of knives and forks. A party in an excellent
position were just leaving and we were fortu-
nate enough to obtain their table. My com-
panion evidently knew what he was about, for the
meal he ordered was, so far as I could judge, not
having had much experience in these matters, per-
fect of its kind. In the bright light of the
room I was able to study him more carefully.
As I have already said, he was a handsome man,
but it struck me that he looked better with his
hat on than without it. His eyes were dark and
piercing, but set to my thinking, a little too
close together. His chin was a strong one and
betokened considerable determination, but what
struck me more than anything else about him
was the smallness of his hands. They were
scarcely bigger than a woman's and quite as
white. I found him a brilliant conversational-
ist, which is more than can be said of the
majority of Australian squatters. He seemed
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everything.

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N. INUZUKA, Manager, Hongkong

FOR SALE.
THE BUSINESS of an Old-Established
Mercantile Firm in Hongkong, including
some Goodwill and Office Furniture.
Apply by letter to—
BRYAN,
Sanitary Board Office.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [205]
Hongkong, 19th February, 1904. [549]

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
Feb. 23, GREGORY APCAR, British str., 2,340, J. G. Offiant, Calcutta 6th Feb. and Singapore 18th, General. D. Sassoon & Co., Limited.
Feb. 23, HAILONG, British str., 783, Gibson, Swatow 2nd Feb., General. DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Feb. 23, HALLS, Norwegian str., 1,065, J. C. Jensen, Singapore 15th Feb., Rice, — ORDER.
Feb. 23, HANGSANG, British str., from Canton. Feb. 23, KAMHO, French str., 900, Bury, Saigon 15th Feb., Rice, — BRADLEY & Co.
Feb. 23, KOWLOON, German str., from Canton. Feb. 23, KWANG, Chinese str., from Canton. Feb. 23, PAMIA, British str., 3,803, Elliot, Rangoon 10th February, Rice, — JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Feb. 23, P. C. C. KLAO, German str., 1,108, Bohu, Antung 13th Feb., Rice, — BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Feb. 23, WUANGPOA, British str., from Canton.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
23rd February.
Hercules, German str., for Kudat.
Johanna, German str., for Haiphong.
Johanna, British str., for Shanghai.
Johanna, German str., for Rangoon.

DEPARTURES.

23rd February.
EASTERN, British str., for Kobe.
GIBRA, Austrian str., for Trieste.
HATIAN, French str., for Swatow.
HONGKONG, French str., for Haiphong.
HONGKONG, British str., for Shanghai.
HONGKONG, Norwegian str., for Takao.
HONGKONG, British str., for Amoy.
HONGKONG, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
YARRA, French str., for Europe.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

22nd February.
ADRIENNE DOCKS.—Lohr.
KOWLOON DOCKS.—H. I. G. M. S. Moore, H. M. S. Glory, Elton Rickmers, Shanghai, Lin Yau, Hae, Kowloon, Tientsin, Tien, Tak Hing, Tientsin.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Keongwai.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG."

Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 24th inst., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1904. [56]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SYDNEY."

Captain Bland, will be despatched for the above ports on or about the 24th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1904. [2]

FOR SHANGHAI AND CHINKIANG.

THE Steamship

"KOWLOON."

Captain C. S. S. will be despatched for the above port TO-MORROW, the 25th inst., at Noon, instead of as previously notified.

For Freight, apply to SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [562]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT PHILIPPINE PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1903. About 1st Mar. "MACDUFF" 15th Mar. "AFRIDI" 15th Mar.

For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [1125]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"GLENGYLE."

Captain T. Darke, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 5th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1904. [529]

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'s fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for Cape Ports every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. [8]

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI."

Captain Samuel Bell Smith.

DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on week days, at 7:30 A.M., on Excursion Sundays, at 8:30 A.M.; from Macao, week days, at about 2 P.M., and Sundays about 7:30 P.M.

FARE—(week days) 1st Class (including cabin and servant), \$3. Return Ticket \$5.

On Excursion Sundays 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class Single Ticket \$2. Return Ticket \$3. Return Ticket including Dinner and Dinner either on board or at Macao Hotel \$5. On Sundays \$5 extra will be charged for each Cabin which has accommodation for two or more passengers.

Wharf at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.

The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip Every Sunday, and takes only 3 hours to reach Macao.

MING ON & CO., 2nd Floor, 16, Victoria Street, Hongkong 8th September, 1903.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	CHUSAN	Brit. str.	W. B. Palmer	P. & O. S. N. Co.	27th inst., at Noon
LONDON & ANTWERP	MOYNE	Brit. str.	C. J. Banton	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	1st March
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SOCOTRA	Brit. str.	T. Darke	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 3rd Mar.
LONDON & ANTWERP	GLAVOIS	Brit. str.	T. Darke	MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW	15th March
LONDON & ANTWERP	PAR LING	Brit. str.	T. Darke	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	15th March
LONDON & ANTWERP	SEYDLITZ	Ger. str.	Dowers	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	2nd Mar., at Noon
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	HILDEBRANDT	Ger. str.	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	1st March
HAYRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	MILTLAF	Ger. str.	Miltzaff	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	17th March
HAYRE & HAMBURG	LUNING	Ger. str.	Luning	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	25th March
HAYRE & HAMBURG	FILLER	Ger. str.	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	5th April
HAYRE & HAMBURG	BORCK	Ger. str.	Borck	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	19th April
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	GRAMMEYER	Ger. str.	Grammeyer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	3rd May
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	AAJAX	Brit. str.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	20th March
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	MACDUFF	Brit. str.	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 1st March
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA YAKI, &c.	TACOMA	Brit. str.	M. Ridley	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	To-day
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA YAKI, &c.	AGAMEMNON	Brit. str.	J. T. Horne	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	8th March
PORTLAND, OREGON	INDRAPURA	Brit. str.	J. T. Horne	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day
AUSITANIAN PORTS	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	S. Barcham	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 23rd inst.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	JAVA	Brit. str.	S. Barcham	P. & O. S. N. Co.	26th inst., at Noon
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SHANTUNG	Brit. str.	Parkinson	CHINA COAST S.S. CO.	To-morrow, Noon
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	CHINGWU	Brit. str.	J. Hanson	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	1st March
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	AMIGO	Jap. str.	J. Hanson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	CHIHILI	Brit. str.	C. Slight	SIEMSEN & CO.	About 24th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	WHAMPOA	Brit. str.	C. Slight	SIEMSEN & CO.	About 27th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	KOWLOON	Brit. str.	Blanc	SIEMSEN & CO.	About 28th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SYDNEY	Brit. str.	E. J. C. Roberts	P. & O. S. N. Co.	26th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	COMORANDEL	Brit. str.	G. M. Montford	P. & O. S. N. Co.	26th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	KALGAN	Brit. str.	A. Hansen	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	4th Mar., 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	TRIUMPH	Jap. str.	T. Brandt	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-day, at 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	M. STURVE	Jap. str.	Gibson	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.	To-day, at Noon
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	HAILONG	Brit. str.	R. Rodger	SIEMSEN & CO.	27th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	KANSU	Brit. str.	T. W. Garlick	SIEMSEN & CO.	About 1st March
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	T. W. Garlick	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	2nd March
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	TREMONT	Brit. str.	R. W. Almond	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	5th Mar., 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	RUHI	Brit. str.	R. W. Almond	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	WUCHANG	Brit. str.	Muhle	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	BORNEO	Ger. str.	Muhle	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.

CHINA COMMERCIAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

司公限有船輪華中

FOR MOJI, SALINA CRUZ AND MANZANILLO (MEXICO) AND PORTLAND (OREGON).

THE Steamship

"CHINGWU."

Captain Parkinson, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 26th inst., at Noon.

For Freight, apply at Company's Office, No. 20, Des Vaux Road.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [572]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.

PLYMOUTH AND LONDON. THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"CHUSAN."

Captain W. B. Palmer, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for Bombay, etc., on SATURDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuable, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1904. [1]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

STEAM FOR KUDAT AND SANDAKAN.

Taking Cargo at Through Rates to TAWAO, LAHAD DATU AND LABUAN.

THE Company's Steamship

"BORNEO."

Captain Muhle, will be ready to load for the above ports on the 22nd inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1904. [549]

FOR CANTON.

THE new and fast Twin-Screw Steamer

"SAN CHEUNG."

951 Tons, Captain A. Murphy, will leave for Canton at 8 P.M. on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, and return to Hongkong on the following days, leaving Canton at 5 P.M. Excellent accommodation, electric light, and perfect cuisine. Wharf at Hongkong near Harbour Office.

First-class Fare, \$3 each way. Meals, \$1 each.

Cargo Freight very moderate.

J. TREVOUX & CO., No. 128, Connaught Road Central.

Hongkong, 30th June, 1903. [27]

MESSAGERIES CANTONNAISES.

J. TREVOUX & CO.

HONGKONG-CANTON NIGHTLY SERVICE.

THE Commodious Steamer

"PAUL BEAU."

Captain Franquet, leaves Hongkong for Canton at 9 P.M. on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning to Hongkong the following days, leaving Canton at 5 P.M., taking passengers and cargo as usual, and will shortly be followed by the Steamer "CHARLES HARRISON."

These two magnificent and up-to-date steamers are lighted with Electricity.

The Saloon is under European Supervision.

First Class European ... \$8.00

Second Class European ... \$3.00

First Class Chinese ... \$1.50

Second Class Chinese ... 50

Deck ... 30

Company's Wharf is at the end of Queen's Street, Praya West.

For further particulars, apply to J. LANDOLT, Agent.

The Pharmacy, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [429]

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA

REGULAR STEAM-SHIP SERVICES BETWEEN

HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS

AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	LEAVING
KOBE (DIRECT)	"AMIGO" ... THURSDAY, 25th February, at Noon.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"TRIUMPH" ... FRIDAY, 26th February, at 10 A.M.
TAMSU, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"M. STURVE" ... FRIDAY, 4th March, at 10 A.M.

On account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new steamers have been requisitioned for transport service, and the above-named chartered steamers have been secured instead for maintenance of the Company's coastal services. As soon as the state of affairs permit, the Company will resume running with its specially designed new steamers.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 8, Des Vaux Road Central.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1904. T. ARIMA, Manager [15]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG.

PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

STEAMERS. SAILING DATES. 1904

SEYDLITZ ... WEDNESDAY ... 2nd March

ROON ... WEDNESDAY ... 16th March

PREUSSEN ... WEDNESDAY ... 30th March

* HAMBURG ... WEDNESDAY ... 13th April

PRINZ HEINRICH ... WEDNESDAY ... 27th April

OLDENBURG ... WEDNESDAY ... 11th May

BATERN ... THURSDAY ... 28th May

SACHSEN ... THURSDAY ... 9th June

ZIETEN ... THURSDAY ... 23rd June

SEYDLITZ ... THURSDAY ... 7th July

* Steamers of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of MARCH, 1904, at Noon, the Steamship "SEYDLITZ" of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain Dowers, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 29th February. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 1st March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 1st March.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.

Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1904

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

NORTHERN PACIFIC S. CO. BOSTON S. CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.

CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

VICTORIA BC. AND TACOMA

VIA

SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer. Tons. Captain. Sailing Date.

* TACOMA ... 2,812 ... M. Ridley ... Friday, February 26th

* VICTORIA ... 3,502 ... J. Truebridge ... Wednesday, March 16th

* TREMONT ... 9,606 ... T. W. Garlick ... Friday, March 25th

* OLYMPIA ... 2,837 ... A. Dixon ... Wednesday, April 27th

* Not carrying second class passengers.

FOR MANILA.

The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamers for Manila.

S.S. TREMONT ... 9,606 tons ... T. W. Garlick ... About 1st March.

S.S. SHAMWUT ... 9,606 tons ... W. M. Smith ... About 30th April.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND

CUISINE. ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESSES.

The twin-screw s.s. "SHAMWUT" and "TREMONT" have just been fitted with very Superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo carried in cold storage.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Sydney*, with the French mail of 23rd January, left Saigon on Sunday, the 21st inst., at 3 p.m., and may be expected here to-day. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 20th December.

The *Coromandel*, with the English mail of 20th January, left Singapore on Sunday, the 21st inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 27th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 20th December.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Dalny and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton	Falshan	Wednesday, 24th, 7.30 A.M.
Kobe and Sandakan	Horneo	Wednesday, 24th, 8.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Jawa	Wednesday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	Ozawa	Wednesday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow	Hailong	Wednesday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	K. Rickmers	Wednesday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Singapore and Bangkok	Kongwaet	Wednesday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe	Silene	Wednesday, 24th, 10.00 A.M.
Manila	Loongang	Wednesday, 24th, 10.00 A.M.
Manila, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland O.	Indrapura	Wednesday, 24th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta	Hangang	Wednesday, 24th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver	Tartar	Wednesday, 24th, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Kansu	Wednesday, 24th, 11.00 A.M.
Yacow	Heungshan	Wednesday, 24th, 1.15 P.M.
Kongmoon, Kumbuk and Samshui	Tungkong	Wednesday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Whampoa	Wednesday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
Canton	Honam	Wednesday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Namtao	Tachun	Wednesday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Swaboo	Hoifu	Wednesday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Wingchai	Wednesday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Hankow	Thursday, 25th, 7.30 A.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., Seattle and Tacoma	Agamenon	Thursday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai and Chinkiang	Kowloon	Thursday, 25th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Heungshan	Thursday, 25th, 1.15 P.M.
Kongmoon, Kumbuk and Samshui	Tungkong	Thursday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Cebu	U.S. Dollar	Thursday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Thales	Thursday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Tientsin	Beang	Thursday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Wingang	Thursday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Powen	Thursday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Namtao	Tachun	Thursday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Swaboo	Hoi Fu	Thursday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Wingchai	Thursday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Honam	Friday, 26th, 7.30 A.M.
Manila, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C. & Tacoma	Tacoma	Friday, 26th, 11.00 A.M.
Nagasaki and Shanghai	Heungshan	Friday, 26th, 1.15 P.M.
Yokohama and Kobe	Kalgan	Friday, 26th, 3.00 P.M.
Kongmoon, Kumbuk and Samshui	Shantung	Friday, 26th, 3.00 P.M.
Canton	Tungkong	Friday, 26th, 3.00 P.M.
Namtao	Kinsan	Friday, 26th, 5.00 P.M.
Swaboo	Tachun	Friday, 26th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Hoifu	Friday, 26th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Wingchai	Friday, 26th, 5.00 P.M.
Manila	Powen	Friday, 26th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Japan	Saturday, 27th, 7.30 A.M.
Manila	Zafra	Saturday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Falshan	Saturday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	Wuchang	Monday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Tientsin	Chiki	Tues., 1st March, 3.00 P.M.
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin	Seydlitz	Wednesday, 2nd March, 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)		Registration, 13.00 A.M. (Registration, with fee of 10 cents, 10.45 A.M.)
Manila and Cebu	Shansi	Letters, 11.00 A.M.
Manila	Iburi	Wed., 2nd March, 3.00 P.M.
		Satur., 5th Mar., 9.00 A.M.
		Wednesday, 9th March, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE YOKOHAMA HONOLULU and VANCOUVER (B.C.)	Empress of Japan	Registration, 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with fee of 10 cents, 10.45 A.M.)
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents)		Letters, 11.00 A.M.